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25X1 6. [] In response to a request from John Warner for Mr. Houston, I talked to Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, about the press reports concerning agreements between Senator J. Fulbright (D., Ark.), Senator Michael Mansfield (D., Mont.) and others with Chairman George Mahon of House Appropriations Committee. In brief, Mr. Preston told me it is the Chairman's position that the Senate should take the Defense Appropriations Bill conference report to the floor of the Senate and vote the measure as has been done in the House. It would appear that no compromising agreements have been reached between the objectors in the Senate and Mr. Mahon.

25X1 7. [] Talked to Bill Cook, House Armed Services Committee staff, regarding the possibility of contacting some of the House "objectors" to head off any possible problems when our retirement legislation reaches the floor. Cook advised against any action on our part, remarking that Acting Chairman Philip Philbin had told the Committee staff that he alone would handle the problem of the objectors.

I mentioned to Cook that the Time article on Cienfuegos was misleading in a number of important respects and I would be glad to brief any of the Committee on the details if they were interested. He said he saw no need for this at the moment.

25X1 8. [] Met with Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, whom I brought up to date on recent information regarding Communist tactics in Vietnam, radar installations in Egypt, political developments in Poland, and Soviet naval activities in Cuba.

Mr. Preston had no new information on the status of the conference report on the Defense Appropriations bill, but argued that it would be a great mistake at this stage to delete the language which had been added to the so-called "Fulbright amendment" at Mr. Mahon's suggestion, since to do so at this time would lend weight to the restrictive interpretation of the Fulbright amendment.

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Thursday - 17 December 1970

- 25X1 25X1A 1. [] [] Office of Personnel, called to advise us they had received a call from the Civil Service Commission about a letter the Commission had received from Senator James B. Pearson (R., Kans.) on a CIARDS retirement appeal by [] 25X1A
- 25X1A [] Civil Service is sending Pearson's letter to Personnel and they will be in touch with us further when it is received. 25X1A
- 25X1 25X1A 2. [] After consultation with [] and [] of OPPB, I met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and gave him a draft letter to OMB for use by the Chairman. Mr. Preston expressed his appreciation for the quick response to his call of this morning. While I was with Mr. Preston, I also briefed him on Soviet ICBM deployment, ChiCom missile test, North Vietnamese troop infiltration, and Cienfuegos. 25X1A
- 25X1 3. [] I talked to Mr. Brenneman, OMB, who told me that the agency reports on H. R. 19649, authorizing a telecommunications study of the assignment of radio frequencies, have not all been received. There is a sufficient number, however, to indicate the need, if possible, to get the reports back to the submitting agencies before the close of this session. He feels he should wait, however, until the reports expected from Justice and Defense are received.
- 25X1 4. [] Called Earl Voss, in the office of Senator Robert P. Griffin (R., Mich.), and told him that so far we have not received any foreign broadcast response to the Senator's prisoner of war initiative. Voss appreciated this followup. I said we would, of course, send the items in which he was interested if and when they are received.

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1. [] On the advice of [] CI Staff, I advised J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, that we had information confirming the fact that [] had been with Che Guevara's forces but could not confirm that he was in Cuba during the activity of the Venceremos Brigade. See Journal of 10 December.

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2. [] Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that the suggested language that had been provided for Mr. Mahon's use was inserted in the appropriations bill with the addition of a phrase to cover "actions to assist in freeing Americans held as prisoners of war. Mr. Preston gave me the impression that it had been a successful conference.

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3. [] Met with Mr. William Cook, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that the staff had reviewed the Civil Service Retirement Act amendments relating to "later acquired spouse" approved by the Congress last week with the thought to their possible inclusion in the present Agency bill, S. 4571, but had determined that time would not allow such an amendment. The Committee report has been finalized and is already for the full Committee meeting with the Director on Thursday, 17 December 1970.

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4. [] Mrs. Chorbajian, in the office of Representative Robert Steele, Jr. (R., Conn.), called on behalf of a constituent requesting employment information. I told her we would be glad to send employment brochures and preliminary application forms for forwarding to the individual.

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Monday - 14 December 1970

25X1 1. [] Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, called to say that in the Senate-House conference on Saturday it appeared that they might be willing to accept an amendment to the Fulbright amendment which would involve adding to the existing language the following:

" . . . but nothing herein will be construed to prohibit support of free world or local forces in actions designed to promote the safe and orderly withdrawal or disengagement of U.S. forces from the war in Indochina. "

I told Preston that this language, which was almost identical to that proposed by the Agency, would go far toward solving our problems and I hoped he would pull hard to get it accepted.

Later I discussed the above with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, who agreed also to work for acceptance of the above language, although he said the last few words should be changed from " the war in Indochina " to " combat activities in Southeast Asia. "

25X1 2. [] Received an inquiry from Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director of Senator Jackson's Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, asking if we had any information on one

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25X1 3. [] Delivered to the offices of Senators Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.) and Allen J. Ellender (D., La.) FBIS items in which their names were mentioned.

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25X1 12. [] Met with Mr. Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, in connection with the request that the Director appear before the Committee in connection with the Son Tay matter. See Memo for Record.

25X1 13. [] Met with Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, whom I briefed on recent developments regarding Soviet ICBM deployment, Soviet air and naval activity in Egypt, Soviet submarines in Cuban waters, ChiCom strategic missile developments and the Cambodian situation.

Mr. Preston said he had just come from a meeting between Secretary Laird and Chairman Mahon in which the Chairman asked Laird why Defense had not objected to the Fulbright amendment in their reclama to the Defense Appropriations bill. Laird said he had not wanted to formally object but he thought this amendment should be deleted since it apparently caused some problems for CIA. Preston told me that Mahon agreed that the Fulbright amendment was undesirable and would probably oppose it in conference, but Preston thought it would be well for the Director to let the Chairman know firsthand about our problem with this amendment. I passed this suggestion on to the Director.

25X1 14. [] Met with Al Westphal, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, in response to his request. He said the Committee was much interested in the case of the attempted defection from the Soviet trawler of a Lithuanian seaman whom the Coast Guard had refused to accept.

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Item 3 - Mr. Brandwein

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